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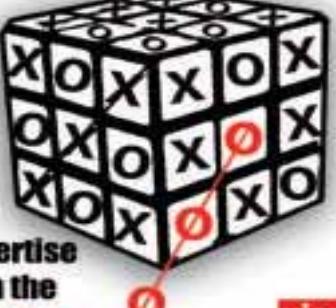
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EVER heard of "Frolic"?

This increasingly popular DJ collective bring a sense of unadulterated fun to their monthly disco. It has everything to do with the fusion of the three DJs and the people who turn up to make it happen on the dance floor.

Claire Shilton, aka "Crumpet Claire", is one of those DJs and she is also a freelance graphic designer.

Here she tells us how Frolic came to be and how music and design have shaped her life.

Originally from Portsmouth, Claire is 47-years-old and now lives in Bridport.

Frolic takes place on a Thursday every month at the Conservative Club, North Street, Bridport.

■ HOW did you become a DJ?

When I left art college, in the 80s, I worked in a live music venue in Portsmouth. I loved promoting live music and I liked the way the venue was run which was very all-inclusive. I wanted to have a go at DJ-ing because I was an "indie chick" and the music I loved wasn't being played in the venue and they gave me that chance.

■ WHERE did the name 'Crumpet Claire' come from?

At 40 I was living in Ipswich in Suffolk. Again, I found there was nowhere I could go to dance to the music I enjoyed. By then I was a freelance graphic designer and I started doodling about what sort of a club night I'd have and I came up with the idea of "Club Crumpet" which is slightly saucy but still somehow fun and innocent. I fell into a community radio station who gave me my own show with the remit "to play tunes not played on mainstream media". Here, I was in my element and my programme was called "Crumpet Radio". It was there I became known as Crumpet Claire.

■ HOW did you end up in Bridport?

A friend of mine invited me down to stay and during the four days I was here I felt totally at home, I didn't know there was still somewhere like this in England. I loved the undulating countryside and walk to the coast, the independent shops, the market days and the vintage quarter at St Michael's Trading Estate – everything seemed to work in harmony rather than in competition and I made a vow to move here.

■ HOW did Frolic come in to being?

Although there is a vibrant arts scene in Bridport, yet

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come get this and are active in contributing to the lovely atmosphere which, has at times made me ache with laughter.

■ HOW do the three of you DJs operate as a collective?

We all still love music and have the desire to share it with others and we bring different skills; I design the publicity, Kathy makes great props and Mitch provides the equipment and vintage lighting. Alongside our unique collections of music we bring something to the event that complements each other. I would say I am more comedy/art house/political. As someone who is used to working on her own and making a lot of singular decisions, it's been a real education and it's nice to be working collaboratively because you share the responsibility.

■ WHAT do you do when you are not Frolic-ing?

I'm also a graphic designer. I love visual communication and I like to promote things that I am passionate about – anything from the environment to mental health awareness, the arts and small businesses and of course live music. That's where I see value in what I do.

■ WHERE can we see your work?

I got a most extraordinary brief recently to design a banner "to make people smile in my doorway". It was to promote the fact that there is a new local pet shop, that also sells records in the back room. A dream job that was completely bonkers but very Bridport. There's often a piece of my work on the notice board at Bucky Doo Square usually promoting a gig or two and the arts. I designed the children's activity sheets for a catering company in all the Tate Galleries. It's still in print seven years later and I had one thrust in my hand (half finished) whilst in Good News in Bridport.

■ WHICH three famous musicians would you most love to "Frolic" with?

There are so many musicians I respect but I have soft spots for Arthur Lee of Love, Danielle Dax, and Polystyrene from X-Ray Specs. They have all enriched my life enormously.



again, I found there wasn't anywhere for me to go and dance. I was introduced to two other DJs Special KK (Kathy Kelly), and DR Funk (Mitch Norman). When the three of us got together we were trying to think of a name which conjured up the same kind of smile on your face that crumpet did. Frolic popped into my head and the others agreed. We wanted to put the onus on having fun in a place to dance the night away. The people who

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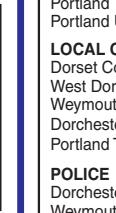
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■ LOTS TO BID FOR: Graham and Mary Winter join compere Steve Davies (centre) with one of the auction prizes

Head shave for charity

COURAGEOUS Sheree Tebbutt is getting her head shaved in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

Sheree, who needs a wheelchair, will tackle the sponsored event on April 25th at noon in Weymouth's Sports Direct in St Mary Street.

Weldmar major events fundraising manager Sue Leighton said: "Sheree is a great supporter of this local charity and, although she requires a wheelchair, she took part in the ladies five-mile Midnight Walk in August 2011 and over recent years has supported many other national charities.

"Her latest challenge is in memory of Dave Vincent Sampson who was the matron at Avonlea Nursing Home in Weymouth.

"He cared for Sheree's step father and, over a period of some 20 years, Sheree herself when she needed respite care. Please come along to support her and your local hospice."

Hoteliers meeting

WEYMOUTH Hoteliers, Guesthouses and Leaseholders Association is holding its annual meeting on Thursday April 26th.

The event will take place in the back room at Club Vision in King Street at 1pm.

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WHAT am I bid for your own gardener for a day?

That cry rang out from compere Steve Davies when he took the microphone for a charity auction at the town's new fire station hosted by Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter in aid of his charities.

There was certainly a lot of interest and Graham said: "I'm deeply indebted to everyone who donated prizes.

"We also had a VIP visit to the new Sea Life Tower, travel vouchers, meal vouchers, family tickets to the Sea Life Adventure Park, tennis lessons, train tickets and even a sail round Weymouth Bay on the yacht Sarandon.

"For those who didn't fancy something energetic there were two cases of wine to tempt bidders as well as hairdressing and beauty prizes.

"I am particularly grateful to council staff who donated their time free for the auction."

All money raised by the event will go to Dorset County Hospital's mammography appeal, Portland Coastwatch and the Friends of the Weymouth Refuge.

Race to Olympics is on with less than 100 days to go

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dent that we will be ready on time.

"We are also really hoping that Team GB Sailing will do fantastically well and that Ben Ainslie will get a fourth Olympic gold medal."

For Weymouth's famous sand modeller Mark Anderson it was a chance to celebrate the Olympics with a few well placed squirts of water and cuts of his trowel as he completed the "100 Days" sand sculpture.

He said: "Four of us were involved creating this sculpture which I designed following a barn-storming Olympic meeting at the Pavilion.

"I think it looks good, not bad at all and I am very happy with it. I am also really looking for-

ward to the Olympics. I can't wait."

Neither can Weymouth and Portland Chamber of Commerce president Anna-Maria Garee who said: "Our members are looking forward to what promises to be an eventful summer in the resort."

"Many have already gained business from the Games either via work done locally or in London recently or for the actual period.

"We are geared up ready to welcome visitors both this year and in years to come once our town has been showcased to the world via the TV screening and international media presence.

"We have worked closely to ensure all available information has been regularly given to

our members through seminars, breakfasts and emails. We are looking forward to the Games attracting inward investment over the coming years, making Weymouth and Portland a revitalised destination."

Crowds of spectators coming to Weymouth and Portland will rely heavily on Olympic transport arrangements and county environment director Miles Butler said a large amount of investment had been made in the road infrastructure serving the local area.

He added: "With the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games we have prepared park and ride sites which thousands of people will use during the Olympic and Paralympic period.

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Straight on or right for the town centre?



■ WHICH WAY? One of the partially painted signs causing confusion

A LICK of new paint is going to be needed to stop motorists from getting confused over which direction to drive for Weymouth town centre.

Dorset County Council tried to ensure that drivers knew what lane they needed to be in as they approached Manor Roundabout near Morrisons by putting brilliant white on part of direction signs painted on the road.

But visiting motorists found their eye drawn more to the newly painted "right turn" arrow part of the sign attached to the duller tyre-dirtied "straight on" arrow and wound up visiting Upwey rather than the town centre!

One driver told the *View*: "Part of the town centre sign on the road had a very white "right turn" arrow which I followed. It took at least a mile before I realised I was actually heading out of Weymouth again and not towards the town centre. They should do something about it because it is confusing."

Another driver agreed and said the current situation was "dangerous" because some cars tried to cut across to the correct lane close to the roundabout once they realised they were in the wrong lane.

County environment director Miles Butler said the authority would now repaint the less dominant sections of such road signs so drivers neither turned right to Upwey nor left to Morrisons in their search for the town centre.

He said: "The signs were recently repainted and clearly one coat of paint is brighter than the other. We will now ensure the other arrow is repainted as well.

"In this situation town centre-bound traffic needs to be channelled into the correct lane.

"We have three signs painted on the road. Two provide early warning and the third closest to the roundabout ensures drivers know they must go straight ahead. That is the only way we can do it. We have no other option."

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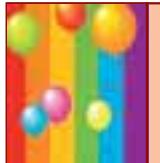
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DANIEL COX
Happy Birthday. Love from Mum, Dad and all the family xxx

STEVE & SAM BOWDITCH
Happy Anniversary! Love from Mum, Dad, Ollie and Willow. Have a nice day! xxx

IZZY SNELL
Happy 4th Birthday on 20th April. With love from Grandad and Granny x

LAUREN COLE
Happy 16th Birthday on 19th April to our Lovely Granddaughter. All our love, Nan & Grandad Tatt

DANIEL GREEN
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Local Leaders wanted to help guide Olympic celebrations

OLYMPIC bosses have launched an initiative to help people play an active role in bringing their friends, family and community members together to celebrate the big event.

The London 2012 Local Leaders will suggest ideas and tools to help people bring their community together for celebrations to make the most of the Olympic and Paralympic Torch Relays, the 12 week UK-wide London 2012 Festival or the Olympic and Paralympic sports action.

People can sign up to be a Local Leader at www.london2012.com/localleaders and can play an active part now in preparing their community for international attention when the torch arrives in the UK.

More than 7,000 Local Leaders have already signed up.

Among them is Keith Brignell who will co-ordinate Portesham village groups for the arrival of the Olympic Torch on July 12th. It is intended to hold a village fete in the garden of the Kings Arms with bands, flags and bunting to greet the torch as it passes.

Keith will also plant beds of marigolds along the torch route. There are plans for a cross country fun run too and the evening will finish with an outdoor barn dance after the Olympic Flame has passed. The event will involve village commu-

nity groups and local bands.

Ideas for celebrations include Garden for the Games which provides Local Leaders with hints and tips from gardening experts on how to plant seeds now that will turn window boxes down people's streets red, white and blue.

Once the Olympic Torch flame arrives in the UK on May 18th, Local Leaders are being provided with ideas and tools to help bring the community together to welcome the flame and celebrate their local heroes by lining the streets and showing what makes their community special for the 70 day UK wide relay.

On July 27th the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games will be watched by over a billion people around the world, and Local Leaders will be given invite cards, recipe tips, party sheets and more to help them turn their screening of the event into an Olympic themed venue, whether it is in a village hall, pub or living room.

August 4th is Super Saturday - the day when the most medals are awarded during the Olympic Games. Local Leaders will access recipe ideas to help host barbecues and a day of activity in their homes, gardens and community centres.

For the Paralympic Torch Relay, Local Leaders can help celebrate

the national flame lightings in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales by lighting up every corner of the UK with a lantern. Local Leaders will be able to access hints and tips on how to take part in a lantern procession and decorate lanterns with good luck messages for their local Paralympic athlete.

Finally, for the last day of the Paralympic Games on September 9th Local Leaders will be provided with ideas to bring together friends, family and neighbours for a Sunday get-together to see out an unforgettable summer in style.

By signing up at www.london2012.com/localleaders Local Leaders will get access to London 2012 branding, posters and toolkits. Whether the Local Leader invites three friends or their whole community, London 2012 will provide them with the tools to make their celebration one to remember. They will also be able to put their celebration events on the London 2012 Join In listings website, giving local community celebrations exposure on what will be one of the most visited websites in the world this year.

Peter Meadows, from More than Gold said: 'The initiative of Local Leaders will change the 2012 Games from a spectator event to an engaging experience for communities everywhere.'

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■ CHARLOTTE Sheppard of Weymouth and Portland events team celebrates the sponsorship deal with Haven Littlesea mascot Bradley and Haven's general manager Andy Such

Holiday park supports council's leisure team

MORE than £20,000 has been pledged by local holiday park Haven Littlesea to continue their sponsorship and partnership with Weymouth and Portland council's leisure and events team.

Their backing has been hailed as "significant support" in helping the events team deliver and promote the borough's extensive programme of events and festivals throughout the year.

Sponsorship includes branding of tourism leaflets, events brochures and promotional sites in conjunction with major events and festivals and seafront caravan shows.

Littlesea general manager Andy Such said: "The relationship that we have embraced over the previous year with the council's leisure and events section is always developing as we work together to continuously increase awareness of our holiday park.

"Our commitment to being pro active in

Fancy a walk around the fort?

SIX hundred people are being invited to Weymouth's Nothe Fort to take part in a rehearsal for Olympic visitors.

The event on Saturday, April 21st is being held because a huge amount of planning is required to give an enjoyable and safe visit to the Fort for all those people who have bought tickets to watch the sailing from the Nothe Gardens.

Staff are urging anyone with a couple of free hours on that day to go along and help the fort rehearse. All are welcome including children and people who use wheelchairs or have other disabilities that may necessitate using the lift.

They are invited to assemble in the



■ WEYMOUTH Caledonian Society Scottish Country Dancers celebrated 50 years of dancing at their golden anniversary ball at Charlton Down to the strains of London Scottish dance band, Craigellachie.

More than 100 enthusiastic dancers took to the floor along with some of the original members still enjoying their dancing.

Anyone interested in joining the dancers should contact Judie Seymour on 01305 833660 or email grajudseymour@hotmail.com.

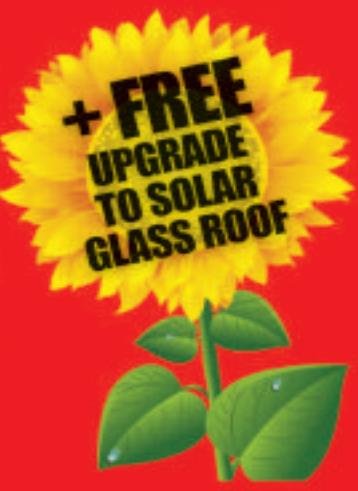
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General manager Craig Dunkerley said: "It's a dream job for anyone who enjoys

a good view.

"The successful applicants will be climbing to a height of around 50 metres dozens of times each day."

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WOW it's 30 years

A TON of sand has helped Weymouth's WOW Youth Musical Theatre celebrate its 30th anniversary.

Loadmoor's Sand World attraction co-owner David Hicks spent two days creating a display to mark WOW's milestone.

WOW chairman Alan McKechan (correct) said: "This is great because it was an idea which came from one of our members."

"Billy Matthews and other WOW members certainly liked it and gave the sculpture the WOW treatment!"

"We produced WOW It's Thirty Years! at Weymouth Pavilion as part of our anniversary celebrations and this sculpture is the icing on the cake."

"We are now looking forward to our next production of "Oliver" in November."



■ IT'S WRITTEN IN THE SAND: The WOW 30th anniversary sculpture (left) and (above) Billy Matthews (front) joins WOW colleagues to celebrate the sculpture

Photos by HARRY WALTON

TOP prizes are on offer in the WOW 30 Gala Draw.

The gal draw has been organised to help raise funds to support Weymouth's youth theatre group.

It coincides with the spring show and will run through until early July giving people ample time to buy their tickets.

WOW fundraising committee chairman Kevin Butcher thanked all their sponsors and said: "We have managed to secure a number of terrific prizes.

"These include a toy electric car, tickets for the West End performance of Blood Brothers, a VIP experience at the new Merlin Tower, a day

cruise on the SS Waverley and many more. Tickets are on sale now at £1 each or £5 for a book. The draw will be made on July 6th."

Tickets can be bought from Stars Dance Wear in the Colwell Centre, from Weymouth School Wear Centre in Great George Street and from the WOW hall in Park Street.

Let's go fly a kite

Up to 100 masters of the air will take part in Weymouth's annual beach kite festival on May 5th-7th.

Co-ordinator Allan Pothecary said at the official launch:

"Numbers are up on last year and we intend to give spectators the "Wow!" factor as well as offering a lot for purists."

"Among individual attractions is one entrant who will be flying a stack of 25 flexi foils and there will also be giant penguins, dogs, an octopus, dragons and lizards."

The RSPB will also be doing a special kite workshop with children to highlight preservation of the Red Kite."



■ THE official launch of Weymouth Beach Kite Festival

Community lunch club with speakers

CHICKERELL'S Heritage Hotel and Restaurant has launched a brand new speaker's lunch club which will meet on the third Friday each month.

The first lunch is tomorrow (Friday) from 12.30pm-2.30pm while a varied range of speakers has been

lined up over the next few months which include Jonathan Panton from the Weldmar Trust through to former Radio One DJ, Dave Cash.

Anne Grove of the Heritage said: "We really wanted to do something to bring people together and create a sense of community."

"Membership of the lunch club is free while the cost of what will be an excellent lunch is only £15 a head. We want to encourage people to suggest future speakers and to support this community venture."

Anyone who wants to attend should call the Heritage on 01305 783093.

Yes to apartments

PLANNERS have backed a scheme to demolish a house at Preston and build seven apartments on the site despite officers recommending refusal.

A meeting of Weymouth and Portland planning committee voted 6-4 in favour of the Preston Road scheme subject to a variety of conditions including materials, parking, landscaping and glazing.

Councillor Ray Banham was against the scheme which he said didn't fit in with surrounding properties and was "overdevelopment" and "too domineering".

He was backed by Councillor David Mannings who had size, traffic and light concerns, but Weymouth and Portland mayor Councillor Graham Winter said: "I personally don't have a problem with it.

"Yes it is a large development but I think it has been quite imaginatively done."

Councillor Kevin Hodder said it should be fine with conditions attached to the development and said: "I don't see the difference between this and what we have approved further up the road."

Nothe step repairs

STONE repairs have started to the main steps into Weymouth's Nothe Gardens and will last six weeks.

Steps next to the sailing club on Nothe Parade will be low pressure washed, re-pointed, small stone repairs carried out and, where necessary, treads replaced to improve the safety of the steps leading into the gardens. A new wall mounted handrail will also be fitted.

To ensure that the steps remain open at weekends one flight of steps will be completed prior to the commencement of the next. The contractor will assess on a day-to-day basis whether the steps can be re-opened during the week.

Some essential tree maintenance work and vegetation clearance will also be undertaken to help tidy the entranceway up and provide some light onto the steps from the existing street lamp. All works are due to be complete by Friday May 25th.

Slurry sealing of the path from the gardener's compound at the Nothe Gardens to Newton's Cove is also taking place. Appropriate signage will be on display.



■ WARM UP: The walkers get ready for the off

Photos by HARRY WALTON



■ ON THEIR WAY: The walkers including Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter make a start

A walk in the park for healthy hearts!

GLORIOUS sunshine helped scores of walkers enjoy the day when they packed Sandsfoot Gardens in Weymouth for the start of the British Heart Foundation Great Parks Charity Walk.

Weymouth and Portland BHF branch president Peter Rendall was on hand to welcome them and said: "With those who took part this year it means more than 1,000 walkers have supported the event over the last five years, raising more than £15,000 for BHF locally and raising vital awareness to help beat heart disease.

"This has been a fantastic effort and we would like to thank everyone who took part including Weymouth and District Scouts who provided us with a marquee."

Those taking part could choose between an eight-mile and 3.5-mile walk, the longer route taking in Lodmoor Country Park, Greenhill Gardens, the Nothe Gardens and the Rodwell Trail with checkpoints, refreshments and support being provided along the way.

Jeronimo Ques and Calum Griffiths from Weymouth Gym gave everyone a warm-up exercise while BHF fundraising manager Neil Jarrett praised everyone for turning up and said: "Walkers and the community have shown great support for us and every penny raised will help save lives."

Seeing all the walkers off was Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter who said: "It was nice to see so many walkers supporting this event in its fifth year. It is an excellent cause and many of those helping or taking part have been here every year. Long may it continue."



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Pirates rule at the fort

CUTLASSES greeted over 600 visitors when Weymouth's Nothe Fort held its third annual pirate day.

Children enjoyed face painting, a pirate bouncy castle and fossil painting as well as a ghost walk and crafts.

Making a deafening noise were the fort's artillery volunteers who

fired their cannon and carried out a series of drills while the cutthroat Poole Buccaneers were on hand to show off pirate life.

Fort events team leader Jane Chandler said: "We even had a mock battle and a fancy dress competition while children roamed the fort on our treasure trail for a re-

ward of chocolate pieces of eight.

"Visitors loved it. There were hundreds of them, so many that they were queuing to get in right back to the tunnel entrance."

All proceeds will go towards funds for fort maintenance.



■ INDIA Beaudro (left), Jenny Symes (centre) and Charlotte Jeffery on a pirate cake stall raising money for Help for Heroes and Wey Sports Vixens football club



■ THE villainous Poole Buccaneers



■ ANTONIA Evans (left) and Nancy Howard (right) make a Jolly Roger flag with Sue Clark

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Bike night is back

VISITORS to Weymouth are certain to be revved up this summer with the return of Weymouth Bike Night.

The weekly bike meet takes place every Thursday from April to September and is planned to take place once again at the town's Custom House Quay, raising funds for the RNLI and Dorset Air Ambulance.

Weymouth Bike Night was the idea of Weymouth supervisor-driver Brian Coombes and, with the help of Dorset and South Somerset publicity officer Dave Hayter, his concept for a fun-filled bike meet was turned into reality three years ago after successful negotiations with Weymouth and Portland council.

The bike night has become one of Weymouth's biggest summer attractions, proving a hit with bikers, tourists and locals.

Brian and Dave also organised a rock concert for those attending last year and have plans to further expand the event with more bike ride outs and additional concerts.

Carnival dinosaur

A PLESIOSAUR made from willow branches could feature in seafront attractions for the 2012 Weymouth Carnival.

It is hoped that the dinosaur, which is being made by children from Milborne St Andrew First School will join a host of events in a special sealed-off section of the Esplanade.

That area will have six zones with an event taking place in each every half hour from jugglers and fire eaters to stilt walkers and dancers.

Carnival is being organised by Melcombe Regis Rotary Club and carnival chairman Roger Hogbin said: "We are looking at events for carnival every week and it would be great if we could display the plesiosaur.

"We have also been able to confirm the attendance of the Red Devils parachute display team and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight which goes some way towards compensating for not having the Red Arrows who are unfortunately in transit from Moscow on the day."



■ ANNE Vincent (left) and Deputy Mayor Margaret Leicester at the festival

Film festival is international hit

MORE than 1,000 international film lovers gathered in Weymouth over the three-day British International Amateur Film Festival at the Rembrandt Hotel.

Film and Video Institute southern counties chairman Anne Vincent said: "We have shown films from all over the world including Korea, Austria, Africa and Australia.

"Subjects have ranged from animation to full length feature films and we also had youth entries

which saw one award go to Weymouth's Beechcroft Primary School for their animation film, The Sadness of King George.

"We were lucky enough to have as our special guest Michael Medwin, who starred in the Army Game and The Longest Day."

Among those who attended the event was Weymouth and Portland Deputy Mayor Margaret Leicester who said: "I love watching films and I buy a lot of films to watch, so

coming here was a bit of treat for me.

"I particularly like musicals such as Fiddler on the Roof because they are so light and gay, but I don't like horror. They make me feel physically sick and I won't have them on."

"Weymouth and Portland is becoming famous as an area for film locations and hosting events such as this just adds to our international reputation."

The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleaven

Personal responsibility

FROM time immemorial it has been human nature to shift the blame to someone else when something goes wrong. In other words, to pass the buck!

This makes it extremely difficult to establish the real causes when a failure has serious consequences, and it usually takes a very long time.

Even so, I have often wondered whether the person who takes the ultimate blame is being used as a scapegoat and if some guilt might lie elsewhere. To illustrate, I can quote an occasion where, thankfully, there was no resultant disaster.

A caravan site where we stayed had a swimming pool and it could only be opened if lifesaving was covered by an attendant. On at least one occasion, no qualified person was available and the manager instructed a warden to occupy that role. I subsequently learned that the warden could not swim!

If someone had drowned and a lengthy enquiry had followed, I wonder whether the management would have owned up or tried to blame the warden.

Fortunately, the question never arose. But how much better it would be if we were all so honest that we only spoke the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

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A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Light sabres on the foreshore

A LONG time ago in a galaxy far, far away Weymouth and Portland was wondering how it could send a ray of hope out proclaiming a New Freedom against the evil Empire of Recession.

So the borough thought long and hard and, with a devastating swish of its seafront regeneration sword, came up with...laser lights!

These futuristic creations will send coloured beams of light out to sea or into the sky from columns along the Esplanade showing that businesses may be closing down, jobs may be being lost but the town can still shine a light in dark side places.

Never mind mutterings of rebellion about "bring back the fairy lights". These unwelcome comments were brushed aside by replies that the old lights were in poor condition and much more expensive to run.

So we can now all look forward to nights filled with lights spectacularly lighting up a legacy rejuvenated and regenerated Weymouth.

Impressive, most impressive.....but let's hope they have enough shillings for the meter.

Giant hoopla - the new Olympic sport?

FINALLY someone has come up with a useful idea for the awful "car boot" sculpture at Littlemoor.

The work, which spent £335,000 putting some rocks on metal poles, claims to depict birds in flight or a shoal of fish but it has been pilloried nationally as "waste on an Olympian scale".

Now there may have to be a change of view because it can no longer be described as a total waste after a councillor came up with a great idea for its use.

He and colleagues on the planning committee had just fin-

ished heaping criticism on another less than world-beating "legacy" for Olympic year.

This involved taking sections of old "sewer pipe", colouring them, sticking some wood in for seating and information areas and touting them as wonderful viewing points ideally designed for ruining some of Weymouth and Portland's most beautiful and historic areas.

Common sense prevailed and the scheme was thrown out, but not before a councillor suggested a way of giving the sewer pipes a more useful new lease of life in tandem with

the sculpture.

He wondered if, in Games year, it might be possible to create an Olympic-sized hoopla challenge where attempts were made to toss the sewer pipes over pegs created by Littlemoor's rocks-on-poles.

I think this is a wonderful idea and clearly a win-win situation.

If it works then two useless schemes will actually provide entertainment and if it doesn't work then – with luck – they'll destroy each other.

What point in public consultation if decisions have already been made?

ANYONE who has enjoyed the green and pleasant spaces of Weymouth's Markham and Little Francis area will be feeling a bit liverish at the moment.

That is because a last minute tweak to suggestions contained in the draft Weymouth, Portland and West Dorset Plan saw it go out to public consultation not with its original suggestion for 200 homes to be built on part of the site with a nature reserve for the rest but for a whopping great 500 homes.

We'll draw a veil over the bewildered expressions on some councillors faces, their obvious uncertainty at the time over exactly what they had just narrowly voted 5-3 for and the sight of other faces stunned with disbelief.

I want to concentrate on the arguments trotted out to justify this massive hike in housing.

Essentially some councillors felt that the way new housing was being allocated at the expense of Littlemoor and Redlands was "disproportionate" and that by increasing possible new housing at Markham and Little Francis it would even things out a bit.

All well and good even if the proposed housing increases at Littlemoor and Redlands are linked to large nearby employment areas. I don't have a problem with public consultation showing that increasing housing at Markham is fair, right and acceptable.

What I have a massive problem with – and so did several members of the council's man-

agement committee – is changing the allocation before public consultation.

Some members were quite right to point out that any change should be the view of several thousand people not eight councillors sat round a committee table.

Worse, now this proposed increase to 500 homes is potentially enshrined in the draft plan it will be much harder to shift than if the plan had gone out with 200 homes and people had been asked for their views on an increase to 500.

Nothing like getting your kicks in early and it will be interesting to see how people who use Markham and Little Francis or live near it react to this proposal. I think the reaction of developers can already be guessed at.

ALMOST the entire group in the pub suddenly leapt into the air and began to hastily brush off clothing on their backs.

Spectators might have been forgiven for thinking that this was some version of rugby's famous haka war dance bearing in mind that this was a group of rugby supporters staying overnight in Weymouth after watching a match.

Not a bit of it. This was pure fear, fear that one of them might have had a peg attached to their clothing where they couldn't see it.

Apparently anyone caught out after a three second warning had to drink their pint on the spot, hence the leaping about and hasty brushing to knock off any peg.....and they say that culture is dead.

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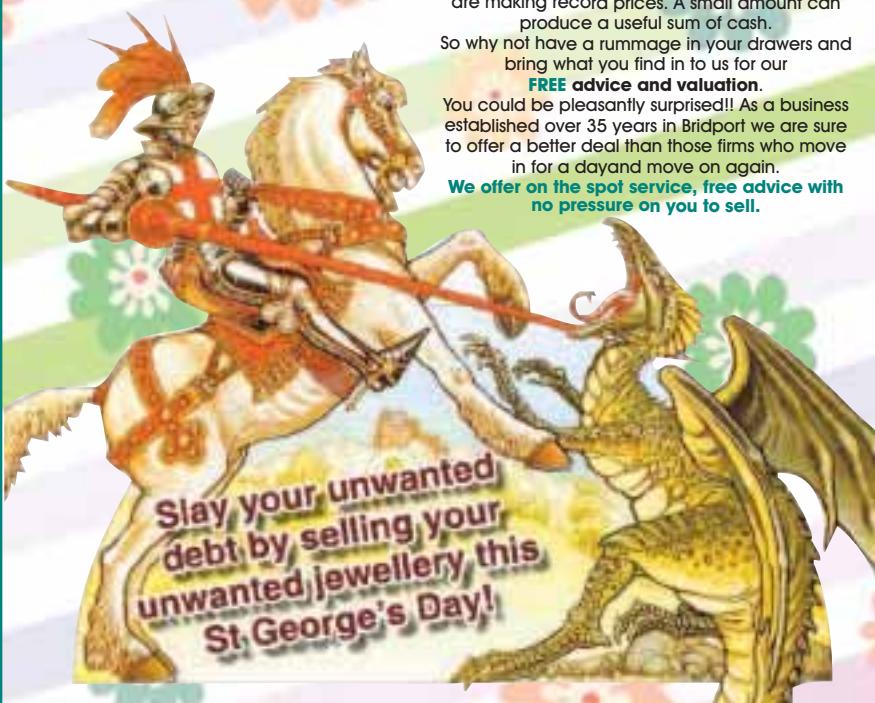
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Trio embark on cycle 'holiday'

IT might not be everyone's idea of a holiday – but three men from the Dorchester area are giving up almost all their annual leave to cycle from Athens to Weymouth.

The marathon adventure will take around four weeks during which time the intrepid trio will ride for around 2,000 miles.

Their journey will raise money for Julia's House and the Scouts.

Unlike other marathon events the three are completely unsupported without any back-up and will have to carry everything they need, including camping equipment.

"I must admit I'm now at the stage where I'm feeling a little apprehensive – four weeks and that kind of mileage now seems like quite a big ask and there's no guarantee we will make it," said Barry Thomas (52), a Dorchester Prison instructor.

Joining him will be fellow instructor Roger Williamson (59) and Alan Lawton (45) who works for the MoD at Bovington.

In training the three have been covering 50 to 60 miles at a time, averaging around 12 miles an hour, but they know that the mountains will slow them down and make their planned average of 75 to 80 miles a day difficult to achieve at times.

Their schedule does include a hilly day of around 50 miles but on the flat, through France, they do have one day where there will be expecting to cover 94 miles.

Their journey starts by flying to



THE intrepid trio at Sherborne Abbey midway through a 66-mile training ride. From left, Alan Lawton, Roger Williamson, Barry Thomas

Athens on May 4th with the team hitting the road the next day. If all goes well they will be back in time for the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations.

The route goes through the Greek mountains to Olympia and then to the most northern reaches of Greece where they catch a ferry to the east coast of Italy and continue north, eventually crossing over the Alps into France.

The three deny that their trip is anything like a mid-life crisis but as Barry says: "It's the sort of thing that if you don't do it soon, when do you do it?"

He says each have been lucky

enough to have the support of their employers who have allowed them to block-book a month of leave.

Barry continued: "We all enjoy the occasional ride on a bike and it just seemed like a good idea with a nice Olympic theme, just right for 2012."

"It also occurred to us that it would be nice to raise some cash for Julia's House, a local childrens' hospice who are really struggling for funds at the moment, and we couldn't think of a more sensible way to help them out."

Information about the trip and how to sponsor the group can be found at www.sharscape.co.uk.

Stuart picks up prize

by Trevor Bevins
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MAGNA Housing Association's housing officer, Stuart Boddy, will be picking up a regional award in Torquay next week.

Stuart has been named the best South West regional student by the Chartered Institute of Housing.

He wanted to complete the CIH Distance Learning Level 3 certificate in housing to increase his knowledge and gain a valuable qualification, with the aim to provide him with a long and successful career in social housing.

Mr Boddy, a housing officer within the income management team at Magna, based in Dorchester, originally joined the group five years ago as a finance assistant and has been in his current role for three years.

He moved to Dorset after 10 years working for a freight forwarding company in Heathrow, and says his current job could not be more different.

Honey is charity shop's special guest at opening of latest store

THE children's hospice charity, Julia's House, will open its latest charity shop in Dorchester on Friday (April 20th).

The South Street shop will become the charity's first to sell furniture offering goods for sale over two floors.

Mayor Tess James will cut a ribbon to open the shop at 10am aided by the charity's chief executive Martin Edwards; chair of the trustees Liz Gardiner and special guest, Honey, pictured, who receives support from Julia's House.

Julia's House is Dorset's hospice dedicated to children with life-limiting conditions. The majority of the children that it cares for are unlikely to live into adulthood. The chil-

dren's hospice complements the work of the Julia's House Community Team, which consists of 69 nurses and carers who travel the county, providing life-changing support for families in their own homes.

Julia's House looks after the whole family, not just the sick child. It organises social activities and provides support for parents, brothers and sisters.

The charity says it will cost around £2.7m to run Julia's House in 2012, yet it received receives less than 10 per cent of its total annual funding from the government. The rest of the charity's essential income is raised through the generosity of the Dorset community, corporate partners and charitable foundations



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Some of our customers enjoy a meal out and others like to experience a change of

scenery. An assisted walk along the Esplanade or the support needed to enjoy a meal in a favourite pub or restaurant can both form part a customer's care plan.

At Bluebird Care we recognise that the care we provide can form part of a wider supportive network for our customers and we always endeavour to keep abreast of local activities and opportunities. If some extra support was needed to attend a local art group or exercise class this, again, could all be arranged as part of a package from Bluebird Care.

Having someone to talk to, someone that really listens can also make a huge difference to a day. Celebrating good news, re-living a happy memory or just being able to halve a problem by sharing it can all have a positive impact on a person's well-being. Not only can Bluebird Care offer trips to see friends or relatives but we also provide a companionship service. A cup of tea and a chat or perhaps a game of cards can be an important part of the day and a sympathetic ear is something that we are always sure to look out for during the recruitment process.

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panoramic views through a large bay window over the formal gardens and the surrounding countryside and across to Lyme Bay. This room is South facing and would be ideally suited to a husband and wife, couples, companions or an individual who requires addition space for personal furniture or entertaining visi-

tors. A further South facing room enjoys its own private spacious balcony with magnificent views to savour whilst perhaps enjoying breakfast or relaxing during the afternoons.

Thistlegate House has never been extended and therefore the accommodation and layout of the house and gardens remains as per

the architect's original design and as such the home retains the intended comfortable relaxed country house atmosphere and ambience. This atmosphere is ideal for the provision of high quality residential care and creates the feeling of well being for our clients and provides excellent working conditions for our highly

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The gardens are being created by local Landscape Gardeners Tony Benger. Tony Benger Landscaping has won many awards both for its commercial and domestic landscape designs and services. This include Landscape Institute Award, Prince of Wales' Award of Honour, and Sub-Contractor of the Year Award.

The raised beds of the

landscaped gardens will feature many beautiful flowers including; Rosa bonica, Fuschia magellanica 'Versicolor', Campanula lactifolia 'Pitchards Variety', Geranium 'Roz Anne', Hebe pinguifolia sutherlandii, Euonymus fortunei radicans 'Silver Queen' and Espalier apple trees (Malus 'James Grieve').

We encourage residents to live a full and active life and as such it is important to us at Fairfield House that our Residents have a beautiful outdoor space that they can enjoy all year round. Our new gardens will provide the perfect place for Residents to unwind, read a book, take a stroll or have a game of croquet or two.

We welcome you to come and visit Fairfield House to see for yourself

our spectacular new gardens and enjoy our delicious home baked cakes and English tea.

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Clarondene

Clarondene's Banner

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TV upgrade

We have given up with the weak signal from Weymouth and have joined the happy Stockland signal watchers! We don't watch TV much during the day, but like to watch an uninterrupted, non-pixelated TV screen in the evenings. So, we are upgrading the distribution amplifier system and taking the opportunity to install a shiny new aerial. When we get the full range of free channels the rest of the country enjoys, we will also have a far better picture. Those nature programmes we

love will look spectacular!

Cyril's Duty at the Shelters

Cyril has started manning the enquiries desk in the beautiful refurbished shelters on the beach. He is nervous because he knows the history of Beaminster far better than his new home Lyme, but apparently the most frequent enquiry is for the nearest toilets! Pop in a say hello - he'll enjoy a friendly chat.

Kitchen Inspection

For the third consecutive inspection, Clarondene has been awarded top marks for hygiene,

quality of food provided, and record keeping. Jacqui only uses local produce, all home cooked, with Complete Meats telling us even the farm

they source each week's cuts from, and Chalmers of Somerset providing our dairy, fruit and vegetables. Well done the Team!



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Alison

Alison Clarke - Resident Proprietor

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Whatever your problem, hypnotherapy can help. It can get to the heart of the matter and deal with any underlying causes. Then the re-

lated symptoms, whether psychological or emotional or physical, can be cleared once and for all. Susan can help with a range of issues including anxiety, eating disorders, phobias, stress, smoking, post trauma and post abuse, confidence, anger and much more. Using Hypnotherapy Susan Gale of the Beltain Centre in Dorchester can help you change your mind and therefore change yourself much more easily because your subconscious will be working with you.

Susan has years of experience and a very down to earth, positive approach. Have a look at her website www.beltain.co.uk or give her a call on 01305 267069 to see what hypnotherapy could do for you.

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New this season: a selection of brilliant neon coloured tutus, leg warmers, head and wrist bands, together with neon and UV face paints.

Alter Ego also holds a range of costumes for children, suited to school requirements such as history days, book days and other seasonal events. Children's costumes can be hired very cheaply or there are packet costumes for sale. There is also a new range of basic plain hooded tops that can be matched with masks, tails, ears, face paints or hats to make almost any animal or magical creature.

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What's On at Dorset County Museum

AN exciting new exhibition of contemporary art, inspired by the writing of Thomas Hardy, is about to open at Dorset County Museum.

Landscapes of Thomas Hardy's Wessex is an exhibition of modern works, including charcoal drawings, prints, steel etchings and oil paintings, by Rob Pountney, Dave Gunning and David Inshaw. They depict the spectacular landscapes and ancient archaeological sites that feature in the novels and poems of Thomas Hardy.

Each artist has selected specific works which show their varied and eclectic response to the places described in Hardy's fictionalised 'Wessex'. The works focus attention on the physical and atmospheric qualities of the landscape, in much the same way that Hardy used prose to generate melodrama and set the scene in his work.

The exhibition opens on Saturday 21 April and

runs until 16 June. Works of art will be for sale and entry is free.

In addition, the Museum is now running regular guided tours for visitors led by a dedicated team of trained volunteers. The tours start at 2pm daily and the cost of the tour is included in the entrance fee. Tours last approximately 45 minutes and cover the whole Museum. There is no need to book in advance, just assemble ten minutes before the tour in Museum Reception after buying a ticket.

Finally, there is a free lunchtime concert at the Museum on Thursday 26 April: everyone is welcome and the concert is free.



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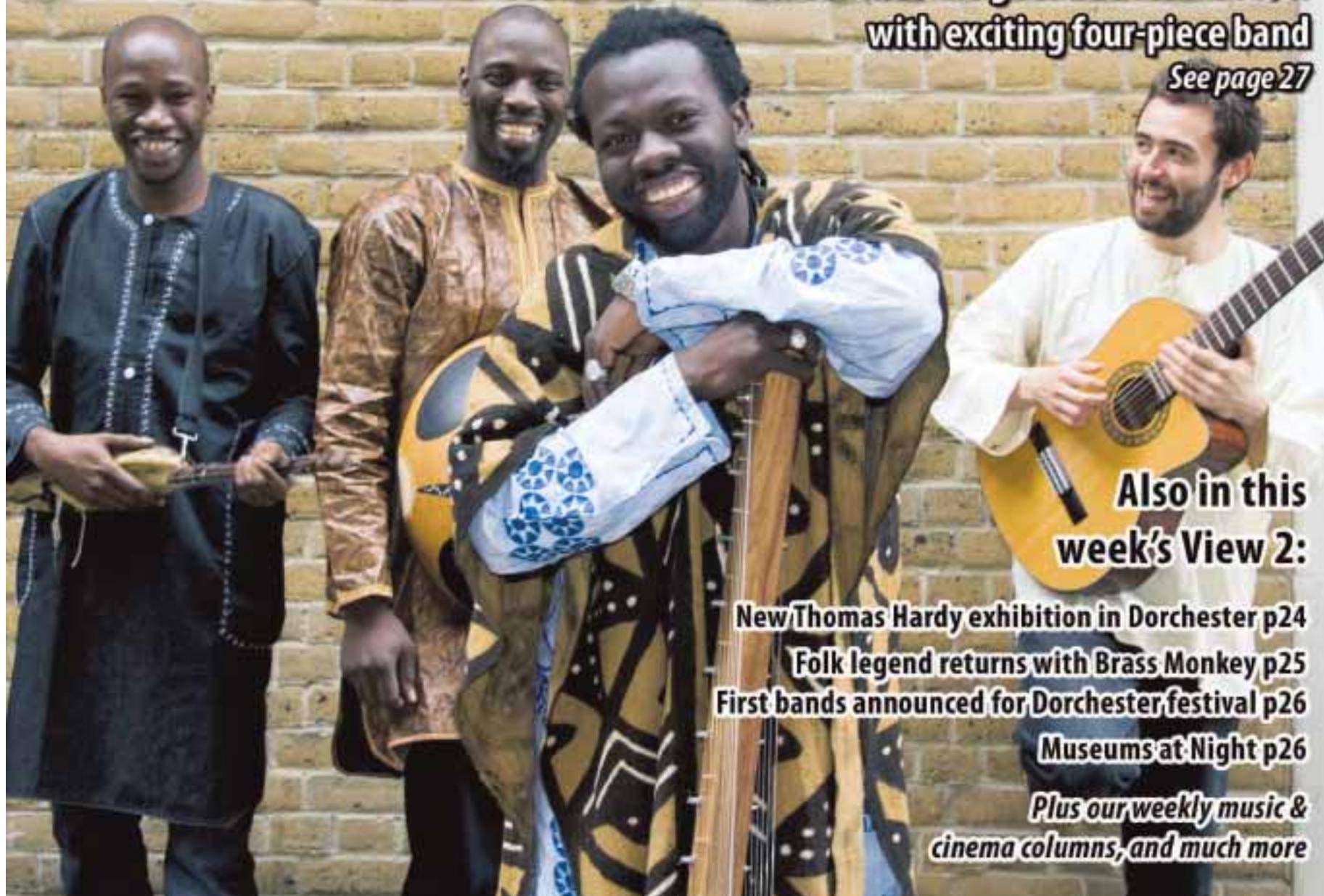
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with exciting four-piece band

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The Cabin In The Woods 15
Fri-Wed: 18:40 21:00 Thu: 21:00
only

Titanic in 3D 12A

Fri & Mon-Wed: 15:30 19:30
Sat & Sun: 11:30 15:30 19:30
Thu: 19:30 only

**Pirates! In An Adventure
With Scientists in 3D** 15

Fri & Mon-Wed: 15:20 17:40
Sat & Sun: 10:40 13:00
15:20 17:40

**Pirates! In An Adventure
With Scientists in 2D** 15

Fri & Mon-Wed: 14:00 16:20
Sat & Sun: 11:40 14:00 16:20

The Hunger Games 12A

Fri & Mon-Wed: 14:10 17:20 20:30
Sat & Sun: 11:00 14:10 17:20 20:30

Lockout 15

Daily: 14:20 16:40 19:00 21:20
(plus Sunday at 12:00)

**Salmon Fishing In
The Yemen** 15

Fri & Mon-Wed: 15:40 18:10 20:40
Sat: 13:10 15:40 18:10 20:40

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Fri & Mon-Wed: 14:30 17:00

Sat & Sun: 12:00 14:30 17:00

Streetdance 2 in 2D 12A

Sat & Sun: 11:45

**The Best Exotic Marigold
Hotel** 12A

Fri-Wed: 19:30

Hop 15

Sat only: 10:00

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Sat only: 10:10

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A VISIONARY sheik believes his passion for the peaceful pastime of salmon fishing can enrich the lives of his people, and he dreams of bringing the sport to the not so fish-friendly desert. Willing to spare no expense, he instructs his representative to turn the dream into reality, an extraordinary feat that will require the involvement of Britain's leading fisheries expert who happens to think the project both absurd and unachievable. That is, until the Prime Minister's overzealous press secretary latches on to it as a 'good will' story. Now, this unlikely team will put it all on the line and embark on an upstream journey of faith and fish to prove the impossible, possible.

Stars Amr Waked, Emily Blunt, Ewan McGregor and Kristin Scott Thomas.



The Samaritan TBC

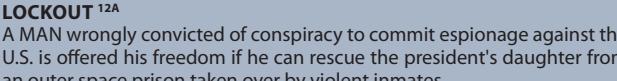
AFTER twenty years in prison, Foley (Samuel L. Jackson) is finished with the grifter's life. When he meets an elusive young woman named Iris (Ruth Negga), the possibility of a new start looks real. But his past is proving to be a stubborn companion. Also stars Luke Kirby and Tom Wilkinson.



Gone 12A

WHEN her sister disappears, Jill (Amanda Seyfried) is convinced the serial killer who kidnapped her two years ago has returned, and she sets out to once again face her abductor.

Also stars Daniel Sunjata, Jennifer Carpenter and Wes Bentley.



Lockout 12A

A MAN wrongly convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage against the U.S. is offered his freedom if he can rescue the president's daughter from an outer space prison taken over by violent inmates.

Stars Guy Pearce, Maggie Grace and Vincent Regan.



New Thomas Hardy exhibition set for Dorset County Museum

Landscapes of Thomas Hardy's Wessex • April 21st - June 16th

'LANDSCAPES of Thomas Hardy's Wessex' is an exhibition of contemporary works, including charcoal drawings, prints, steel etchings and oil paintings, by Rob Pountney, Dave Gunning and David Inshaw.

They depict the spectacular landscapes and ancient archaeological sites that feature in the novels and poems of Thomas Hardy.

Each artist has selected specific works which show their varied and eclectic response to the places described in Hardy's fictionalised 'Wessex'.

The works focus attention on the physical and atmospheric qualities of the landscape, in much the same way that Hardy used prose to generate melodrama and set the scene in his work.

By personally selecting a small number of key pieces from their huge bodies of work, these artists give a unique glimpse into their own reactions to their art. They are showing what they consider to be their most revealing and emotional responses to a landscape they have got to know intimately, both through Hardy and through their own experience of it.

Rob Pountney is highly accomplished artist who has always been fascinated by Thomas Hardy's work, and this intensified during his study of fine art and later doctoral research

work in English literature.

The use of dramatic contrasts of light and shade in his work captures the striking visual aspects of the geological and archaeological features of the Wessex landscape, and his interpretation of Hardy's response to them.

Dave Gunning, awarded Year of the Artist Award in 2000-2001 by the British Arts Council, is an exceptionally fine artist, who has spent more than 25 years studying the prehistoric landscape in the West Country, particularly the ancient monuments within the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge and Avebury.

Gunning's work goes far further than recording their existence and captures their spiritual and mystical presence, often in highly charged atmospheric environments.

Thomas Hardy lived and travelled

amongst the monuments Gunning has captured on paper and steel for this exhibition.

Thomas Hardy has also been a key figure in the work of one of Britain's leading contemporary artists, David Inshaw.

His works are mainly large oil paintings etchings and drawings, and one of his most famous pictures 'The Badminton Game', painted in his Devizes studio, caught the public imagination at its debut exhibition in 1972.

This piece is one of a number of pictures painted soon after his move to Wiltshire, and is inspired partly by his discovery of Thomas Hardy.

The exhibition runs at Dorset County Museum from April 21st to June 16th. Entrance is free. For more information, please phone 01305 262735.



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Brass Monkey gig in Bridport

NO-ONE sounds like Brass Monkey! On Wednesday, April 25th this brilliant band will be coming to Bridport Arts Centre at 8pm for an evening of consummate musicianship.

Martin Carthy and John Kirkpatrick naturally lock into one another's playing with an ease and precision that can only come of playing together for over thirty years.

Sharing the vocals, and sometimes singing together in unison, they bring the fruits of years of experience to this band with an explosive freshness that is clearly driven by the excitement they all feel by playing together.

Programme manager Margie Barbour said: "I first heard them both playing at Towersey Festival, where we use to host the artists, and one year were luck enough to host Martin Carthy."

"I well remember being amazed by his musicianship in the evening concert in the tent and then feeding him bacon and eggs in our kitchen while he regaled our guests with stories of his life in music, and even played us a song or two!"

For more than 40 years Martin Carthy has been one of folk music's greatest innovators, one of its best loved, most enthusiastic and, at times, most quietly controversial of figures. His skill, stage presence and natural charm have won him many admirers, not only from within the folk scene, but also far beyond it.

John Kirkpatrick who won Musician of the Year in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2010 is well loved by Bridport audiences and returns to wow them with his charm and musicianship.

Their album 'Head of Steam' heralds another chapter in the life of a band that has thrilled the live music scene in various incarnations since their debut in 1980.

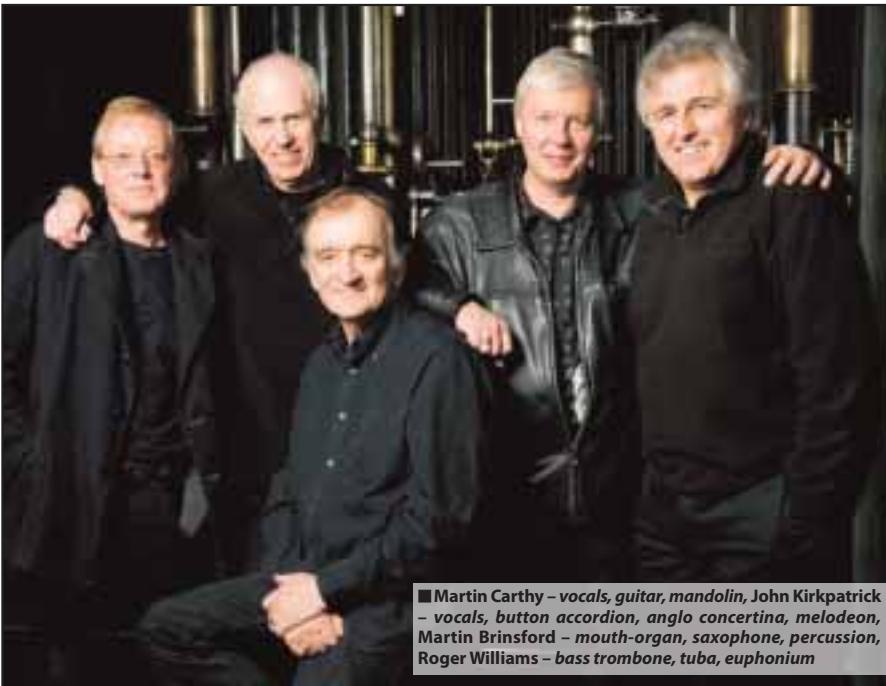
The most recent tour for Brass Monkey saw the exciting introduction of trumpet player Paul Archibald whose classical training and love of folk music added another dimension to the much loved sound of the band which carries through to today.

Roger Williams, who has already proved his insanity by tripping effortlessly through the fastest of tunes on the bass trombone, also brings the euphonium to add a softer melodic touch to the gentler pieces.

Martin Brinsford can add sweetness or punch on his mouth-organ as required, and amongst his numerous accomplishments on the various instruments of percussion, he can create more drive with the knuckle of one finger than most drummers can muster on a whole kit.

It's a rare treat to see five masters of their art combine with such openhearted enthusiasm to reach such tremendous heights. Feel the power!

Call 01308 424204 for tickets at £15 (£14 members / £12 concessions).



■ Martin Carthy – vocals, guitar, mandolin, John Kirkpatrick – vocals, button accordion, anglo concertina, melodeon, Martin Brinsford – mouth-organ, saxophone, percussion, Roger Williams – bass trombone, tuba, euphonium

Poetry for Pleasure

"There is a forgotten, nay almost a forbidden word, which means more to me than any other: the word is "ENGLAND". Once we flaunted it in the face of the whole world like a banner. It was word of power. But today we are scarcely allowed to mention the name of our Country."

Sir Winston Churchill

AS WE approach St. George's Day, about 50 years after Churchill made the above remarks, it is a good time to think about who we are. This poem by Irene Denyer was featured some years ago in *This England* magazine.

A PATRIOT'S PRAYER

This precious island country, this verdant land sublime: Its strengths, its laws, its charity, have stood the test of time.

No foreign land could break you or bend you to its will, Nor puppet, slave, could make you, or alien ways instil. England! Oh My England! Again you stand alone, To save your soul, your freedom, your honour and your throne. Awake! You folk of England! This war will shed no blood, But envy, greed, vindictiveness will drown you in its flood. Arise then, dear youth of England – your hands yet hold its fate And change the way the tide now flows before it is too late!

It is a strange coincidence of history that William Shakespeare, one of the greatest Englishmen that ever lived, was born and also died on St George's Day. Each year, when I send out my St George's cards they always include this famous verse from Richard II (Act 2, Scene 1). The words are spoken by the dying John of Gaunt to his brother Edmund (both uncles of the king).

This royal throne of kings, this sceptred isle, This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars, This other Eden, demi-paradise, This fortress built by nature for herself Against infection and the hand of war, This happy breed of men, this little world, This precious stone set in the silver sea, Which serves it in the office of a wall, Or as a moat defensive to a house,

Against the envy of less happier lands, This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England.

A moment later, in the same speech, Gaunt utters these words:

This land of such dear souls, this dear dear land, Dear for her reputation through the world, Is now leased out, I die pronouncing it, Like to a tenement or pelting farm: England, bound in with the triumphant sea Whose rocky shore beats back the envious siege Of watery Neptune, is now bound in with shame, With inky blots and rotten parchment bonds: That England, that was wont to conquer others, Hath made a shameful conquest of itself. Ah, would the scandal vanish with my life, How happy then were my ensuing death!

John of Gaunt's sentiments are much the same as today's patriots as they watch our present day politicians giving away, piece by piece, the power of the English to govern themselves.

Many of you will remember the comedian Charlie Chester (1914-1997), who hosted Sunday Soapbox on BBC Radio Two for about 20 years. I believe that even the Queen listened in. In any event she made him an MBE in 1990. 'Cheerful' Charlie was a patriot too and penned this.

ST GEORGE'S FLAG

Today, I saw St George's Flag fluttering from a mast, It waved in recognition to the glories of the past. It beckoned to the future, and seemed to say aloud, 'If you should be an Englishman Look Up ... my son...be proud', Let Hope still be your anvil and courage be your forge... And, come what may, let men still say... GOD FOR ELIZABETH...AND ENGLAND... AND ST GEORGE

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UNTIL SAT APRIL 21st

WEYMOUTH: Weymouth Drama Club presents 'Dead Guilty' by Richard Harris at the Warehouse Theatre, Hope Street, Weymouth DT4 8TU. 7:30pm nightly. Tickets cost £8 available from www.weymouthdramaclub.co.uk or by calling 01305 750050

UNTIL MAY 2nd

LYME REGIS: 'Diversity' exhibition at the Upstairs Gallery, Town Mill, from 10:30am-4pm. Free entry.

UNTIL MAY 26th

BLANDFORD FORUM: 'Altered Images' at The Incident Room, 32 Salisbury Street, DT11 7AR. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10:30am-4pm. Images created by combining elements from photographic images, or digital manipulation of a single image, often with surprising and vibrant results - by Pamela Hollis.

THURSDAY APRIL 19th

BRIDPORT: Bridport International Folk Dancing Club at 7:45pm in the British Legion Hall, Victoria Grove. Beginners are welcome - prior knowledge is not required as all dances will be taught by a local enthusiast. Telephone for more details on 01308 423442.

FRIDAY APRIL 20th & SATURDAY APRIL 21st

BROADWINDSOR: Patchwork and quilting, fabric sale, tarts, crafts and plants, at Comrades Hall, from 10am to 4pm. For more details call 01308 867308.

FRIDAY APRIL 20th

BROADMAYNE: Raffle, craft, plants, books, jigsaws, cards, local lamb, sausages & eggs, local watercress, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee, at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the church) from 2-3:30pm. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

WEYMOUTH: USA Meeting for April, with Mike Crankshaw giving a talk on 'My Life Onboard the Royal Yacht Britannia'. At the Salvation Army Citadel from 10am. Telephone 01305 767584 for more details.

SATURDAY APRIL 21st

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Chorale sings Fauré Requiem with soloists Mary Morgan (soprano), David Fourcade (baritone), plus works by Mendelssohn, John Blow and Mathias. Musical director Alex Davies. Guest accompanist David Bruce-Payne. At St Michael's Church, Church Street from 7:30pm. Tickets £10 to include a buffet. Tickets available from Hilary Hight, A Kind of Blue, 7 Broad Street. Telephone 01297 445649 call chosen charity Weldmar Hospicecare Trust on 01305 261800.

BRIDPORT: Jumble Sale at the Masonic Hall, 124 East Street from 2pm. Tea, coffee and cake will be available. Admission is 20p. In aid of Air Ambulance. For more details call 07800 879542.

BOTHENHAMPTON: Film - 'My Week With Marilyn' at Bothenhampton Village Hall. Doors open 7pm, film from 7:30pm. Tickets available on the door - cost £4 for film club members, £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071.

AXMINSTER: 'Variety Show' - an evening of song and dance performed by members of the Karizma Majorettes at the Guildhall, from 7:30pm. Tickets on the door - adults £4.50, children/senior citizens £3.50. All Welcome! Proceeds toward uniform and equipment. For more information please ring Sarah on 01297 33286.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Vintage Fair at St Mary's Church Hall, South Street, from 9am-3:30pm. Many different vintage dealers selling clothes, fabrics, toys, furniture and collectables generally from the 30s to 70s.

SUNDAY APRIL 22nd

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Games Club at Beaminster Youth Centre, 6 Prout Bridge (DT8 3AY), from 2-6pm. We do everything from role playing, board gaming, war gaming and collectable card games. All welcome and it's free. For more details call 01308 862528.

MONDAY APRIL 23rd

CHARMOUTH: Dances of Universal Peace, simple meditative and joyous circle dances using sacred phrases, chants, movements and music from the world traditions. At Monkton Wyld Court, Charmouth (DT6 6DQ) in the Pine Hall or Old Library, from 7:30-9:30pm. Telephone 01297 33700 for more details.

UPLYME: Talk - 'Something Nasty in the Garden' by Pippa Greenwood from Radio 4's Gardeners Question Time, at the Village Hall, from 7:30pm. A chance to find out about pests and diseases from an expert. Tickets £6 members (£8 non-members) available from Uplyme Post Office, Serendip Bookshop and Ginger Beer, Lyme Regis or ring 01297 443793 or 01297 444034.

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WEDNESDAY

The Marine Theatre, Church Street, Lympstone, Devon
Beginner Class Rumba 11.00am-1.00pm

Improvers Class Foxtrot 12.15pm-1.15pm

The Ocean Room, Weymouth Pavilion
Dance Class 7.00pm-8.00pm, Dance 8.00pm-10.30pm
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THURSDAY

St Mary's Church Hall, South Street, Bridport
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First bands announced for Anonymous Festival

ORGANISERS of this August's free youth festival, Anonymous, have just announced the first acts set to perform, but the day is about more than great music.

There will be a whole host of activities and performances are being put together to give Dorchester a day to remember.

Local indie band The Indices will be joined by young rappers Dreads and Lyrical Agent along with the alt-skiffle sounds of The Little Victory.

estival goers, young and old alike, will also get a chance to try their hand at slacklining, with Maverick Slackline or free running with Train Hard.

There will be zorbing and a bouncy castle as well as a chance to get crafty with art and craft workshops.

In fact, everything you need for a great day out with the family.

In the rings, by the main stage, young local dance groups, ranging from ballet to street dance will be strutting their stuff and entertaining the crowds.

This year the Open Mic area will return, sponsored by Keep Love Sweet, and will allow young acoustic musicians to show off their songs.

Community Development Officer Emma Scott said: "Anonymous really is a festival of youth and showcases the wide range of activities that young people enjoy. It's not just music, though we have some great bands, but it's dance, arts and sports.

"Many people would be amazed by the wide variety of activities young people in Dorchester are involved with and I'd encourage them to come along on August 25th to get a real taste of Dorchester's thriving youth culture."

Festival co-ordinator Keith Hatch added. "This is the fourth year Anonymous has happened and it keeps just getting bigger and better.

"We've already had lots of young musicians approach us, and the quality of the talent in the area is outstanding."

The organisers of Anonymous have had great support from many organisations, particularly Dorchester Town Council, which is responsible for Maumbury Rings.

You can find out more by logging onto the Facebook group or contacting Emma Scott on 01305 252204.

Anonymous 2012 will be held in Maumbury Rings on Aug 25th from 11am -9pm.

Museums at Night

TICKETS for Dorchester's museums extravaganza on the evening of Saturday, May 19th have gone on sale.

This major annual event is part of the national Museums at Night celebrations, and Dorchester's six iconic museums - plus the Roman Town House - have joined together to offer a fantastic package of just £8 for tickets bought in advance (£12 on the night) to

Dorchester's museum night brings together heritage and history of all types: thrill at the dinosaurs in the Dinosaur Museum; wonder at the tomb and treasures of Tutankhamun in the Tutankhamun Exhibition; revel in the Romans and Thomas Hardy at the Dorset County Museum; marvel at the mosaics in the Roman Town House; be impressed by the weapons, uniforms, medals and stories of the soldiers at the Keep Military Museum; delight in the bears at the Teddy Bear Museum; and be in awe of the statues in the Terracotta Warriors Museum.

Advance tickets are on sale from all six of the museums, and the Dorchester Tourist Information Centre in Antelope Walk.

Museums at Night in Dorchester is from 5pm to 9pm on May 19th.

Senegalese kora maestro Diabel Cissokho returns to his roots with his exciting four-piece band!

SENEGALESE musician Diabel Cissokho is part of the great line of Cissokho griots. Growing up in Dakar, surrounded by a rich musical heritage and a family of musicians, Diabel began playing a number of traditional instruments. However, Diabel's affinity with the kora was clear from an early age.

Diabel's musical pedigree is exceptional. International tours with his family's band Bannaya led to a long stint as Baaba Maal's kora player, as well as with acclaimed musicians such as Kandia Kouyate, Pee Wee Ellis, Nuru Kane, Daby Balde, Omar Pene and Abdou Diop. Now well established in the UK, Diabel's virtuosic talent, his "resonant voice and rocking kora style" (Songlines), have been welcomed everywhere from WOMAD and



KORA MAESTRO | Diabel Cissokho

Glastonbury to London's Barbican, where he performed alongside Femi Kuti, Cheikh Lo and Manu Dibango.

Diabel's success with bluesman Ramon Goose cemented his reputation as a versatile musician, able to effortlessly cross cultures. Their album Mansana Blues – released on the DixieFrog record label – was lauded as a "flavoursome mix of slide guitar, mellow kora and undulating Mandinka rhythms" (fRoots) which "delivers moments of steamy pleasure" (Songlines). A 2010 European tour culminated in the DNA Culture Project with Ramon, Robert Plant guitarist Justin Adams, Gambian riti player Juldeh Camara and bassist Julian Joseph at Dakar's renowned venue Just4You.

Diabel's own four-piece band features a fantastic group of UK-based musicians. Their debut album, recorded in the UK and Dakar and featuring members of Diabel's own family, is due to be released in 2012. With music that draws on Diabel's rich musical heritage, blending beautiful Mandinkan melodies with an upbeat West African groove, Diabel's band guarantees to bring audiences to their feet!

Diabel Cissokho will play at the Marine Theatre on Friday, April 27th, with the band onstage at 8pm. Tickets cost £12 (£10 concessions) and are available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling the box office on 01297 442138.

Win one of five copies of Diabel Cissokho's album 'Kanabory Siyama'

Just answer the following question:

What was the name of Diabel Cissokho's family band?

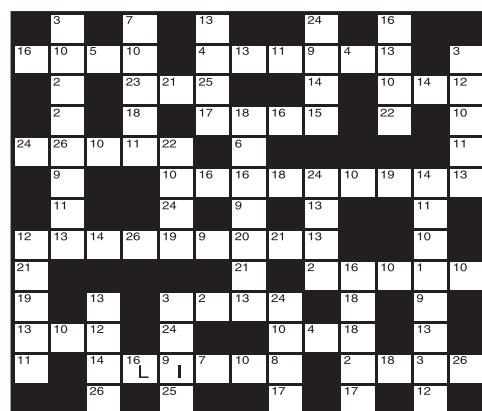
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Brain Gym

No.165

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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11. Try to put it into writing (5)
13. Deep hatred for a soldier, we hear (7)
14. It shows a certain delicacy of feeling (6)
16. Most air services provide these flights (6)
18. He doesn't appreciate where the coal goes! (7)
19. An increase, not for the first time (5)
20. Temporary assistant would look odd if permanent! (5,4)
21. Assume he's from a university (3)
22. The arrogance which is taken for granted (11)

Down

2. He holds nothing, but a garden tool (3)
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4. People who obtain information with an effort (6)
5. Once more a good man is in opposition (7)
6. Instrument could produce a rich moan! (9)
7. They go to blazes (4,7)
8. Giving one time for transgression (11)
12. Killing a point with merriment (9)
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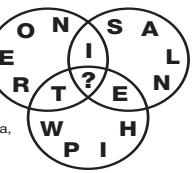
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Pretty three bedroom cottage style house in Hawkchurch

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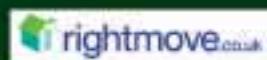
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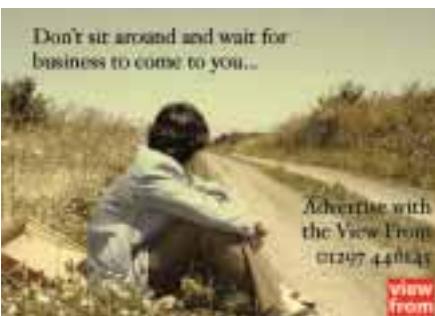
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Guy Jones, Sales and Marketing Director at MG Motor UK said: "This is yet more good news from MG. It comes on top of a fantastic debut by Jason Plato and Andy Neate in racing versions of the MG6 at the Brands Hatch opening races of the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship.

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DORSET FOOTBALL

Islanders still hunting title double

ROUND-UP

PREMIER LEAGUE

GOALS from Liam Currell (2) and Lewis Whyton helped Portland United move back up to top spot after a 3-1 win at Parley Sports.

Wincanton stay in the top four courtesy of a 2-1 victory at Weymouth, Josh Houghton netted for the Terras.

Holt United stay in 5th place after a 1-1 draw at St Mary's against Bridport Reserves. Darren Watts scored for the Bees.

Chickerell United went down 4-2 at Blandford United despite goals from Nick Etherington and Josh Why.

SENIOR LEAGUE

HAVING completed their fixtures top-of-the-table Wareham Rangers head the table by three points but can only sit back and wait to see if Portland United can secure four points in their last two games to pip them.

Portland United hammered Upwey & Broadwey 5-1 on Saturday with goals from Simon Crouch (2), Tom Bell, Grant Chance and Liam Greatrex.

Piddletrenthide United fine end of season form continued when thrashed Chickerell United 5-0 with their goals coming from Jason Dernham (3), Neil Kellaway and Jon Churchill.

Meanwhile Weymouth Sports and Okeford United battled it out for a 0-0 draw.

DIVISION ONE

SECOND placed Mere Town won 6-2 at Kangaroos with the 'Roos consolation goals both coming from

Jason Hillier.

Granby Rovers moved into the top three following a 2-0 against Merley Cobham Sports with their strikes coming from Lee Patterson and Nathan Aston.

Will Sonner and Matt Jones netted for Dorchester Town in their 2-0 win against Ship Inn Wool.

DIVISION TWO

CORFE Mullen United stay top despite being held to a 2-2 draw by Gillingham Town.

Two points behind are Bridport but they have played a game. The Bees beat Lytchett RT 2-0 with goals from Chris Gale and Chris Symes.

DIVISION THREE LEAGUE CUP

Section One

GOALS from Elliott Gould and Karl Edgar carried Galaxy FC to their first win in the group when they defeated Okeford United 2-0.

DIVISION FIVE

PIMPERNE Sports finished their league fixtures off on a high following their 9-1 win against Dorchester CC. The Dorchester consolation goal coming from Roger Frapwell.

DIVISIONS FOUR & FIVE LEAGUE CUP

Section One

GALAXY FC finished their group matches in top spot after they beat Marnhill 3-0 thanks in the main to a second-half hat-trick from Ben Milton.

RESULTS

APRIL 10th

Dorset Junior Cup Final

Galaxy 0 Lyme Regis Res 5

Weymouth College secure Olympic legacy funding

WEYMOUTH College has secured £99,218 of Olympic legacy funding from Sport England's Inspired Facilities Fund, a £135 million Places People Play legacy programme that is bringing the magic of a home Olympic and Paralympic Games into communities across the country.

The project is one of 350 local community sports groups who have been offered a total of £17.4 million in Olympic legacy funding through the Inspired Facilities Fund.

The funding will enable the college to refurbish two sports hall roofs at the Redlands Community Sports Hub and Weymouth College Sport Centre, flooring repairs and underground rainwater harvesting at its Redlands site.

The college also plan to purchase table tennis tables and equipment for use at its two sites to develop new opportu-

nities for juniors and adults working closely with the local Table Tennis League.

Sport England's Chair, Richard Lewis, said: "This investment will create a fantastic sporting legacy for Weymouth. It shows we're offering the legacy that people want for their local community.

For hundreds of clubs and tens of thousands of people, 2012 will be the year their local sports facilities got better."

Ben Heath, Sports Development Officer at the college said: "We are delighted to secure one of the first Inspired Facilities grants.

"We are committed to engaging with all our surrounding communities."

"This grant will enable us to make the necessary refurbishments to our facilities and ensure the community have access to high quality sporting

provision now and in to the future, providing an accessible 2012 Olympic legacy for all."

The investments will breathe new life into tired facilities that can be unattractive to sports participants, difficult to maintain and run. Grants have also been offered to convert existing buildings into venues that are suitable for grassroots sport and to allow local clubs to buy the facilities they use.

Nick Lockwood, Facilities and Planning Manager of Sport England South West said "It's a long overdue award from Sport England to Redlands Community Sports Hub and hopefully it will help to improve the facilities they already have and for future sport facility plans."

Places People Play is being delivered by Sport England who are working in partnership with the British Olympic Association (BOA) and the British Paralympic Association

(BPA) with the backing of The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) and the London 2012 Inspire mark.

The announcement was welcomed by the Local Govern-

ment Association. Cllr Chris White, Chair of its Culture, Tourism and Sport Board, said: "In spite of budget pressures, councils are striving to keep supporting local sports clubs and want to work with them in creating a lasting and

meaningful Olympic and Paralympic legacy.

"This much-needed funding will hopefully act as a catalyst to further strengthen local partnerships between councils and sports clubs and get more people playing sport."



■ LEGACY: Members of Weymouth College celebrate the Sport England funding



PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Portland United	31	23	5	3	68	74
Westland Sports	28	23	3	2	72	72
Hamworthy Recreation	29	23	2	4	73	71
Wincanton Town	29	22	5	2	59	68*
Holt United	31	18	5	8	34	59
Chickerell United	31	17	4	10	46	55
Parley Sports	33	15	5	13	8	50
Bridport Reserves	31	14	6	11	13	48
Sturminster Marshall	33	13	6	12	45	45
Swanage & Herston	30	13	4	13	12	43
Blandford United	32	12	4	16	10	40
Tintinhull	31	10	5	16	27	35
Weymouth Reserves	32	11	5	16	46	32*
Poole Borough	33	9	5	19	22	32
Hamworthy Utd Res	31	9	4	18	46	31
Merley Cobham Sports	32	8	6	18	20	30
Granborne	34	7	3	24	59	24
Shaftesbury	32	6	4	22	59	22
Sherborne Town Res	31	2	3	26	9	22

*Points adjusted



SENIOR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Wareham Rangers	26	15	5	27	51	51
Portland United Res	24	13	9	2	36	48
Upwey & Broadwey	25	15	2	8	10	47
Kingston Lacy	24	13	5	6	23	44
Weymouth United	23	13	2	8	41	41
Sturminster Newton	25	11	9	9	38	38
Okeford United	24	9	7	8	16	34
Stourpaine	24	10	4	10	5	34
Weymouth Sports	24	9	7	8	-1	34
Piddletrenthide United	24	8	4	12	-7	28
Bishops Caundle	24	5	8	11	-6	23
Gillingham Town Res	25	6	4	15	-2	22
Blandford United Res	25	4	5	16	-3	17
Chickerell United Res	25	3	6	16	-46	15

DIVISION ONE

P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Westland Sports Res	23	19	2	6	59
Mere Town	22	18	3	1	57
Granby Rovers	21	15	2	4	47
Poundbury Rovers	25	13	6	17	45
Bere Regis	24	12	3	9	24
Poole Borough Res	23	12	2	9	33
Wincanton Town Res	24	9	2	13	38
Dorchester Town A	22	9	3	10	29*
Merley Cobham Sports	24	9	2	13	29
Kangaroos	22	3	12	13	24
Dorchester Borough	21	5	3	13	18
Ship Inn, Wool	24	5	2	17	31
Shaftesbury Reserves	22	1	1	20	23

DIVISION TWO

P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Westland Sports	23	19	2	6	59
Mere Town	22	18	3	1	57
Granby Rovers	21	15	2	4	47
Poundbury Rovers	25	13	6	17	45
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Ship Inn, Wool	24	5	2	17	31
Shaftesbury Reserves	22	1	1	20	23

DIVISION ONE

P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Corfe Mullen United	24	19	3	6	59
Bridport A	25	18	3	4	49
11 Signal Regiment FC	21	16	0	5	48
Dorchester Sports	23	14	4	5	46
Milborne Sports A	20	14	2	4	44
Gillingham Town A	23	11	7	5	27
Weymouth Spartans	24	12	4	8	22
The Balli House	24	12	0	12	0
Wareham Rang Rangers	25	8	4	13	28
Weymouth Social Club	23	6	4	13	22
Crossways	22	5	0	17	37
Corfe Castle	25	4	2	19	56
Sturminster Newton Res	20	3	11	46	10
Lytchett Red Triangle	25	3	1	21	79

DIVISION TWO

P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Donhead United	3	2	1	0	7
AFC Cobham	18	14	1	3	32
Portesham United	18	10	1	7	31
Piddlehinton United	18	9	3	6	30
Galaxy FC	17	9	1	7	28
Bere Regis Reserves	18	7	2	9	26
Stickland United	18	7	2	9	28
Maiden Newton & Catt.	18	5	1	12	9
Okeford Utd Reserves	18	4	3	11	25
Granborne Reserves	18	2	1	15	43

DIVISION THREE

P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Portesham United	3	2	0	0	7
Stickland United	3	2	0	1	6
Piddlehinton United	2	0	1	1	1
Granborne Reserves	2	0	0	2	7

DIVISION FOUR

P	W	D	L	GD	Pts

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RUGBY ROUND-UP

WITH KEITH JENKIN

Dorchester in promotion play-off

AS the season nears its end there were several local sides with important games to undertake on Saturday.

HONITON needed two points from their last two games to ensure promotion into the Western Counties West Division. CHARD needed a win to keep their promotion aspirations on track, and DORCHESTER certainly needed to come out on top if they were to make their sniff of a play off place a reality.

The Chard second side also would have regarded a victory at Taunton thirds to be an essential - I trotted off there.

WEYMOUTH 52 BOURNEMOUTH 3rd 5

THE Bournemouth third side that visited Weymouth was of a strength that belied its lowly league position, and it competed most effectively for the first 50 minutes before the home side stretched away.

In fact it was the visitors who started the brighter, forcing Weymouth on to deep and stubborn defence. In fact Bournemouth did have one or two scoring opportunities early on, but were unable to take them.

Having weathered the storm, the home side came back and took the lead with a good try, crafted and completed by influential centre, Joel Wilson, and converted by Barter around the end of the first quarter.

Another touchdown followed, touched down by number eight Sam Morris after his side had gone through the phases. He got the next one also.

The ball had been recycled several times and eventually the front row union joined in the handling move, only for one of their props to be tackled just short of glory.

He made the ball available however and Morris picked up and proved to be unstoppable from five feet out. Barter converted this one also and Weymouth led 19-0 at the halfway stage.

The visitors started the second half brightly, as they had the first, and got a score back after they had touched down a try that remained unconverted. It was their final throw

however.

Home winger McCorniche, who had looked dangerous whenever in possession, cancelled out the Bournemouth try with one of his own to earn his side a bonus point.

Prop, Comden got the next, converted by Barter and, when the scrum-half dummied his way over from half way and converted his own score, Weymouth were away and clear at 38-5 ahead.

Weymouth continued to pile on the points and, importantly, did so by playing good rugby.

First, pacy winger Will Quick got over for Barter to convert. Then Wilson finished the game as he had started it, by scoring the final try.

Barter converted this one also as Weymouth finished what has been a very enjoyable and successful season for them, very much on a high.

WEYMOUTH 2nd 0 OAKMEADINS 2nd 58

THE Weymouth second side, ensconced in the mid-table of Division Two (South) as they are, found themselves entertaining an Oakmeadins side needing to win with a bonus point if they were to finish the season in top spot.

To ensure this they had included in their line-up several players with an abundance of Southern Counties experience, and it showed.

The home side, already suffering from a very considerable injury list, incurred several more during the game and, all in all endured a pretty long afternoon.

PUDDLETOWN 42

MAIDSTONE VETERANS 5

WITH their Dorset & Wiltshire 2 South campaign already completed the Villagers turned their attention to the more relaxed atmosphere of the touring season, welcoming a 40-strong party of veterans from Maidstone RFC to Greenfields.

With so much experience among them, par-

ticularly in the forwards, the Kent outfit played their part in a really

enjoyable game but in the end it was the home side's extra pace and width in attack that saw them run out comfortable winners.

The first half belonged to Puddletown's own veterans though with hooker Rich Green opening the scoring from close range after just five minutes, and from that point on the half-back pairing of Scott Price and Toby Musgrave revelled in the space behind their pack. Winger Matt Roberts was next to prosper from their quick thinking, being put in for

a try in the corner, before Musgrave himself dropped his shoulder, wrong-footed his man, and strolled through the gap to touch down. Open and flowing rugby continued and in quick succession winger Nigel Smith, centre Stuart Mead, and full-back Mark Thomson each went close to adding to the score-sheet, before Maidstone eventually replied with a well deserved drive-over try after a period of pressure from their mauling forwards.

The response though was only temporary, and as the half drew to a close more quick ball out wide this time found flanker Gareth Beynon's safe hands and the Welshman at last scored the try that his season-long performances had been promising. Both sides made wholesale changes at the break, and initially it looked as though the introduction of younger legs into the Maidstone pack might cause the home forwards

some problems, but while they enjoyed significantly more possession in the second period the well drilled Villagers' defence held firm.

Max Welch and Barry Dovell had replaced Price and Musgrave at half time, and the regular duo continued to ensure a ready supply of quick ball to the backs, but not before Welch himself had spotted space on the blind side and evaded the cover to dart in under the posts. The pair then set up centre Tom Edmondston for a powerful run through the heart of the defence, before prop and for-

mer Maidstone player Mark Stephen appeared in the line and, with no one at home, he easily crossed the whitewash.

Finally, replacement flanker Will Hiscock's solo effort as he sprinted clear of his man to touch down, completed an eight try haul for the Villagers and signalled the end of a highly entertaining contest.

BRIDPORT 39

ELLINGHAM & RINGWOOD 2nd 3

ALTHOUGH the home side ended the day winning with some comfort, they suffered an early setback when their visitors, already relegated, took the lead by kicking a penalty goal after just five minutes play.

Bridport settled however and regained the advantage by scoring an unconverted try, touched down after their eight had executed a front peel at a lineout close in.

Hooper Herbert was the scorer, and his try was followed by a second unconverted effort touched down by Sean Stewart, who powered over on the half hour.

Place kicker Wes Lewis would have been hoping for easier kicking opportunities, but they did not come.

Bridport did score a third try before the break when number eight, Pibworth, touched down after his pack had pushed over. It was scored out wide again however and remained unconverted.

The bonus point try, again touched down in the corner, came within five minutes of the restart. Out half Marcus Colbourne scored it after breaking and running a diagonal to outstrip the cover.

This score was followed by several minutes of concerted pressure by the visitors who pounded the home line, winning several penalties and being a shade unlucky not to come away with anything.

Bridport finally broke the shackles and reasserted themselves with a try by centre Harry Clarke. He had the grace to score closer to the posts, and Lewis gratefully added the extras.

Ellingham & Ringwood had shot their bolt now and, with some ten minutes left for play, they failed to protect their own ball at a line-out close to their line.

Tim Edwards was the first to react and dived over in the corner to take the score line to 32-3.

Then, at the last, centre Lewis showed just how it should have been done. He broke and scored himself, adding the conversion with the final kick of the game, to ensure that his side would end their league season on a high.

Not such good news for the Bridport 2nd side. They have encountered team raising difficulties when asked to travel all season.

They did manage to get a side together to make the journey east, but endured a long afternoon there and lost 9-5.

OAKMEADINS 29 DORCHESTER 54

PEOPLE were probably on tenterhooks on Saturday as they waited for the results to come in. All went the way of Dorchester however and, after the dust had settled, they found themselves with a play-off place.

They will now take on Milton Keynes from the Southern Counties (North) division, with the winner being promoted into the South West Division (East).

The venue and date for this encounter has not been formally set as yet, although I think that Dorchester will have to travel.

If Saturday's result was an important one for the Dorchester first side, their second team's 39-3 win at Oakmeadins thirds was hardly less so, for it means that Dorchester seconds are promoted from the Dorset & Wiltshire League Division Three (South) and they will, next season, take their place in Division Two.

PREVIEW

WHILE the league season continues for another week in both the Devon and Somerset areas, it has ended in Dorset.

Fixtures 21st April: Chard v Gordon League

Bowls club anticipate exciting season

WEYMOUTH and Melcombe Regis Bowling Club are anticipating a busy 2012 season with a packed calendar of events throughout what looks set to be an unparalleled season of activity in the town.

The club celebrated last Saturday with the arrival of two new sets of green access steps provided by its main sponsor, Bluebird Care, to provide improved access to the bowling green for those with limited mobility.

It is hoped that their addition will facilitate a greater number of people

being able to take up and enjoy bowling at the club.

The installation took place just one week prior to the official opening of the season this Saturday (April 21st) which will see members enjoying an inter-club match.

An Open Day is scheduled for Saturday June 2nd) where those keen to try the sport will have an opportunity to develop a taste for the game.

The club is always keen to welcome new members and provides various social activities in the recently mod-

ernised club house as well as bowling in a town centre location.

Two tournaments are also planned once the season is in full swing, with The Bluebird Care Open Triples, which will take place on Saturday, August 4th, and the Weymouth "High 5" Classic which runs from Monday to Friday, August 20-24th; the week between the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

This event, which involves teams of five from across the county and beyond competing for a variety of prizes, will be co-hosted by the Greenhill and Wellworthy clubs.

Chris Scriven, Director of Bluebird Care (Weymouth & West Dorset) said: "The spotlight will be on Weymouth this summer due to the Olympics which makes us even keener to support local clubs and events."

"We would like to take this opportunity to offer Weymouth and Melcombe Regis Bowling Club every success for the forthcoming season."

Club secretary, Doug Plumpton, said: "All the members are looking forward to the new season especially with the kind sponsorship of Bluebird Care."

"Hopefully the weather will be kind to us, and remember that all visitors and spectators are always welcome."

For further information about the Club's Open Day and summer tournaments, please contact the club's secretary Doug Plumpton at dougplumpton@tiscali.co.uk

Alternatively you can visit the club website weymouthbowlsclub.co.uk

DORCHESTER Rugby Club recently celebrated another success with their U14's seven team winning the final of the JP Morgan cup at Bath. The team won all of their games on the day and delivered a superb demonstration of 7's rugby to convincingly win the final.

The team were lucky enough to be presented with their cup during the half-time break at the Recreation Ground during the Bath versus North Hants Premiership match.

This is the first rugby sevens tour-

nament they have played in and even more rewarding a victory as they were only introduced to this faster game five weeks ago.

As part of their prize they will be invited to Twickenham to watch the finals of the Seniors sevens competition in the summer.

This is the second trophy picked up this season by DRFC U14's who also won the 15-a-side County Cup.

The team are scheduled to play Wiltshire in the two counties cup final on Sunday, April 22nd.

◆ Pictured below with the winning team are From Left to Right, Defence Coach Rich Warburton. Attack Coach Mike Sams, Theo Boyesen, Ben Wellman, Jake Bosher, Dan Allen, Jamie Brown, Jack Warburton (capt), Jack Cartwright, James Thompson, Luke Robson, Caspar Bailey, Toby Ingram, Ryan Haskell, Marcus Sams, Lead Coach Gordon Harding.

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INSIDE: Dorchester RFC through to promotion play-off

Terras on the brink following Cambridge collapse

Cambridge City 3 Weymouth 0

Evo-STIK PREMIER

WEYMOUTH face the prospect of a third relegation in four years after once again failing to take their first-half chances and then conceding three times in the second-half at high-riding Cambridge City.

The defeat leaves the Terras, who have not won in eight matches, just two points above the relegation zone with two games to play, and this Saturday's home game against Hitchin Town now takes on massive significance.

Cirencester Town are the only team in the bottom four who cannot overtake Weymouth if results went against them, so there is huge pressure on Brendon King's men to despatch their mid-table visitors at the Bob Lucas Stadium.

Weymouth started the better at the Pro-Edge Stadium and Jamie Beasley had three chances in the first sixteen minutes, first shooting across the face of the goal before failing to connect with Craig Duff's cross. Set free he failed with a third opportunity before Ter-

ras' keeper Tom Manley was called upon to block Adam Marriott's shot after which Alex Jeannin blocked Ben Bradbury's follow up as Cambridge started to get back in the game.

City began to dominate play after the interval and it was no surprise when Dave Theobald put the Lillywhites ahead on 53 minutes with a glancing header, and they doubled their lead just after the hour when Craig Hammond played Marriot in to slide under the advancing Manley.

Hammond then hit a post and saw Rhys Baggeridge clear his close range effort off the line from which David Prada followed up for the third on 85 minutes.

Simkin looking forward to the future

Dorchester Town 0 Staines Town 3

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH

DORCHESTER Town manager Phil Simpkin has had a torrid time since he took over following Alan Knight's resignation two weeks ago, with illness, injuries and bad luck marring

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his first two games in charge.

Already missing Tom Nicholls who has returned to Exeter City after his loan period and Max Worsfold, struck down by the bug that also meant the recovering Ashley Nicholls could only take his place on the bench, Simpkin had to deal with keeper Nick Jones dislocating his finger in the warm-up.

Jones had to go to hospital leaving Simpkin with no recognised replacement on the bench. Kyle Critchell eventually donned the green jersey resulting in a reorganisation of the team with Jamie Symes stepping into midfield.

However in another unlucky twist to the game, the first two goals were the results of unfortunate deflections off Nathan Walker and Neil Martin that saw the Massive virtually ensure safety from relegation with this win.

In an effort to protect Critchell, Dorchester changed their game plan and in general it worked well, except it meant that Ryan Dovell

found it lonely up front on his own.

In fact a combination of some sterling defence and poor shooting from the opposition saw Critchell hardly called into play, and it was left to Dorchester to find the net for them four minutes from the break, when Walker couldn't get out of the way of Kyle Vassell's shot which hit the post and then rebounded off the central defender's knee into the net.

Halftime brought another problem for Simpkin when Symes complained of chest pains and Nicholls was forced to play the second half despite having been ill for several days with a bug.

Critchell showed his prowess between the sticks early in the second half when he produced a superb flying save to tip Ali Chabaan free-kick around the post.

However he was beaten by his own team mate midway through the half when Martin looking to clear a dangerous cross from David Wheeler only succeeded in helping it in the net beyond Critchell.

After Sam Malsom had wasted the Magpies best chance of the game by heading Walker's nod back straight at Potter, Critchell produced

another good save, this time from Gareth Risberger.

But he had no chance soon after when the striker produced an unstoppable shot that fizzed past the stand-in gloveman to complete the scoring.

Simpkin said afterwards: "Anything that could go wrong did. They didn't deserve to win by three goals but they made the most of their good fortune.

"It was difficult. No one likes to lose and I wanted to finish the season well but events have conspired against us to say the least and any good fortune I have had in the past has certainly been returned in the last 10 days."

"Sometimes there is nothing you can do about it, but to be fair to our supporters they realised what the situation was and clapped us off at the end, and I was really chuffed that they made a point of letting us know that they knew that we had given our best in the circumstances.

"To be fair to Kyle as well, it takes some nerve and courage to go in goal as he did."

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